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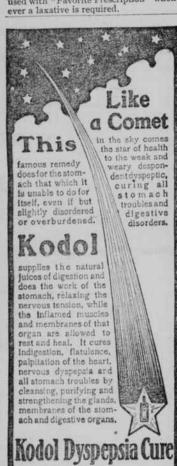
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In the prelude, with its solemn repetition of the love feast and grail motives, the note of religious fervor is sounded with almost passionate insistence.

The draped curtains part as the final pianissimo chord dies away, disclosing a forest glade and low lying lake in the background; Gurnemanz and two of his esquires, in the sober blue gray habit of the Kuights of Monsalvata, guardians of the holy grail, await the coming of King Amfortas, smitten with an incur-able wound while recreant to his high trust.

Kundry, the witch, slave to the magic power of Klingsor, rushes forth with a balsam from Araby to heal Amfortas' wound. Then quickly follow Amfortas' lament, stirring narrative of Gurnemanz (finely sung by Van Rooy), and the en-trance of Parsital, the swan slayer.

The music throughout this scene is grand and impressive beyond description.

The great audience, shrouded in dark-ness, sat breathless while the glorious harmonies swelled on, now caressing as the touch of childhood's hand, and again sonorous, dominant and thrilling as the mighty music of the spheres.

Parsifal, smitten with grief over Gur-

nemanz's unbraiding, breaks his bow, and the two stand silent while the knights bear away the dead swan.

Then follows a startling display of stage illusion—the transformation of the forest glade into the vast hall of the

The illusion created is that of a slow progress of the two toward the castle. Frees, lakes, rocks, foliage and all pass slowly from view to the right, while gradually the great pillars and vaulted arches of the hall of the grail, with its altar and round table for the knights, bounds out in perfect perspective. There was no hitch or jarring, and before the final bells of the interlude sounded the knights had begun to file upon the scene.

Here is intrduced the "last supper" episode that has evoked so much hostile criticism. But as presented here there was no suggestion of irreverence. The magical effect of Wagner's music had swept away all thoughts of the other world and the reverent knights seemed truly to be absorbed in a strange, mysti-cal rite, glorious in inspiration and of surpassing beauty in stage effect.

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There was no concerted applause when the first curtain fell, and a faint rattle of handelapping was instantly suppress-ed. The spell of the enchanter was up-on all hearts and in silence the vast

throng filed out through the crowded

Much of the music of this scene has been made familiar to the public on the con-cert stage, but here, with its appropriate accompaniment of picturesque stage set-tings and spirited action, it was disclosed as a supreme triumph of art wedded to art music, pictorial beauty and majesty

of action. There was no wavering in the assured sweep and sway of the performance. As in the opening act, the silence and men-tal absorption of the vast listening throng were almost painful. When at last Parsifal seized the holy spear, hurled at him by Klingsor, there was an almost sudible sensation of relief. The enchanted gar-den, suddenly created, as suddenly disap-peared, and Parsifal stood alone, prepeared for his long quest for Amfortas,

the cureless sufferer.

In the last act, which culminates in the healing of Amfortas by the spear's touch and the crowning of Pars fal as King, Wagner has lavished all the resource of his unique genius upon the musical score. Kundry repentant, is baptized by the returned knight, who brings with him the spear wrested from

Klingsor. Then follows the "flowery mead" music—the Good Friday spell that is at once the admiration and despair of later composers. This splendidly played by the orchestra under Conductor Hertz and appeared, indeed, like a new revelation of the possibilities of dulcet and be-witching harmony.

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